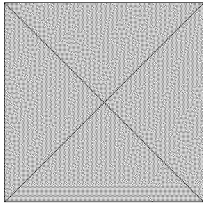


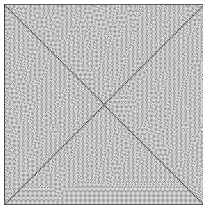
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Dear Friends,

An [article in The Guardian](#) reads, "As the string of record-breaking global temperatures continues unabated, June 2016 marks the 14th consecutive month of record-breaking heat."

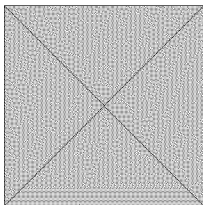


If Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, the monster typhoon to decimate the Philippines, and the raging wildfires in the Western states didn't do it, then perhaps this new indicator of the world of hurt coming our way as climate change progresses will spur America to action.

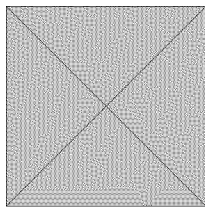


Incredibly, many politicians continue to debate the climate crisis as if the matter is not yet settled. Even those who understand the gravity of the problem seem paralyzed by inaction.

Even President Obama, who famously said, "No challenge--no challenge--poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change," doesn't seem to get it. If he did, there are many things he could have done to stop the Bakken Pipeline. There are still things he can do. It is not too late. Perhaps he will be moved to action by:



- The [Camp of the Sacred Stones](#), blocking construction of the pipeline in North Dakota since April, or
- The [Oceti Sakowin youth on a 2000-mile relay run](#) from North Dakota to Washington, DC, who will rally in front of the White House on August 6, or
- The sight of Iowa landowners and others who have signed the [Pledge of Resistance](#) being arrested as we block construction of the pipeline later this month (stay tuned).

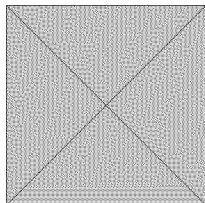


Will President Obama take action? Or was he merely spouting more political rhetoric when he said climate change is the greatest threat to our future? The world is weary of political rhetoric. Action is needed, and needed NOW!

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Ron Yarnell fills in for me today on the Fallon Forum. His first guest is Joe Alton, a Des Moines teacher, who'll talk about that most prolific of political- and social-revolution tools: the guitar.

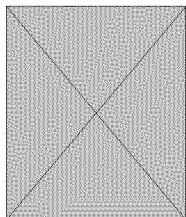
Also joining Ron is Nate Mason, a local pastor and youth minister with the United Methodist Church. Nate's also a former Democratic Party campaign staffer. They'll talk about how religion and politics are intersecting for young people these days, and they'll review the political conventions and what might lie ahead in the 2016 campaign.



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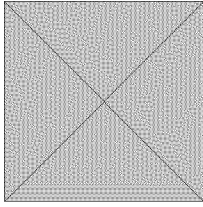
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## **EVENTS**

### **Jul 15-Aug 5 - Oceti Sakowin Run (North Dakota - Washington, DC)**

Youth from near the Sacred Stone Camp located on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in the path of the Bakken Pipeline are organizing a 1,500-mile relay run to protest the pipeline. They

will be in Iowa from July 19 - 25, and will need housing, donations, and people willing to run with them and organize community meetings. Contact Bobbi Jean Three Legs at [bobbi.jean@ocetisakowinyouth.com](mailto:bobbi.jean@ocetisakowinyouth.com) or Joseph White Eyes at [joseph@ocetisakowinyouth.com](mailto:joseph@ocetisakowinyouth.com).

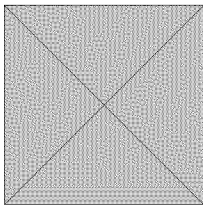


**Thu, Aug 4 - Weekly Peace Vigil (Des Moines)**

Join Catholic Peace Ministry and other peace groups every Thursday for a peace vigil on the northwest side of the Civic Center, 221 Walnut Street from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Bring your signs or banners for peace. Contact [catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com](mailto:catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com).

**Sat, Aug 20 - Iowa CCI Annual Convention (Des Moines)**

All day convention at First Christian Church, 2500 University Ave. You'll hear from doers and thinkers from around the nation on a number of People-and-Planet-First issues and get plugged into what's ahead. More info here: <http://cciaction.org/in-the-news/2016-convention-speakers/>.



**Fri, Aug 26 - Catholic Worker Celebration (Des Moines)**

Join workers and guests for supper at 6:00 p.m. Dingman House, 1310 7th St. Then at 7:30, Fr. Roy Bourgeois speaks on "The Struggle for Peace, Justice and Equality" at Trinity United Methodist, 1548 8th St, which is 3 blocks from the House. Contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com) or 515-282-4781.

**Sat, Aug 27 - Catholic Worker Celebration (Des Moines)**

From 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., a picnic, testimonials, music and dancing in the lot across the street from Dingman House, 1310 7th, followed from 4:00-6:00 p.m. by a panel discussion on "What would a more listening and non-judging US Catholic Church look like for Women?," featuring Fr. Roy and Rev. Janice Sevre-Duszyńska, at Trinity United Methodist, 1548 8th St. Then at 7:00 p.m., there's a social time with music and munchies at Dingman House. Contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com) or 515-282-4781.

**Sun, Aug 28 - Catholic Worker Celebration (Des Moines)**

Mass at 8:30 a.m., with liturgy by Rev. Janice Sevre-Duszyńska in the lot across the street from Dingman House, 1310 7th Street. Contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com) or 515-282-4781.

**Wed, Sep 7 - Dr. Sandra Steingraber: "From know-how to do-now" (Cedar Falls)**

Dr. Steingraber and her colleagues put science into action in New York when they successfully compelled state officials to ban fracking for oil and gas extraction. Her speech focuses on what

is science for if we are not acting on it in the face of a climate crisis. Her visit is part of a larger Science in Action initiative at UNI to involve faculty and students in the community acting on energy and climate, land and bio diversity restoration, and environmental health needs of the community. Contact Kamyar Enshayan at 319-273-7575.

**Wed, Sep 21 - Celebration of International Day of Peace (Des Moines)**

At 6:30 p.m. at Peace Garden in Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St. This service will express a vision of peace and a position against war shared by all faith traditions. The Rev. Ryan Arnold will be the keynote speaker. The Diversity Chorus will present a couple of numbers on the theme of peace. Contact Chet Guinn at 515-282-8054 or Eloise Cranke at [ecranke@mchsi.com](mailto:ecranke@mchsi.com).

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